

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 531

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Senator Joe Mann Haynes of Goodlettsville.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that we learned of the passing of our former colleague Senator Joe Mann Haynes of Goodlettsville; and

WHEREAS, Joe Haynes was a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of his community, and as a legislator, he served his constituents with compassion, respect, and dignity; and

WHEREAS, during his terms in the Senate (94<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup>, 96<sup>th</sup>, 97<sup>th</sup>, 98<sup>th</sup>, 99<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup>, 101<sup>st</sup>, 102<sup>nd</sup>, 103<sup>rd</sup>, 104<sup>th</sup>, 105<sup>th</sup>, 106<sup>th</sup>, and 107<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies), Senator Haynes was renowned as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always worked diligently on behalf of the good people of the 20<sup>th</sup> Senate District; and

WHEREAS, Senator Haynes was a valuable participant in the legislative process and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he made as a member of the State and Local Government Committee, the Judiciary Committee, the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the Education Committee, the Select Joint Oversight Committee on Education, and the Joint Veterans Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Joe Haynes was respected and admired by his peers, and during his legislative career, he served tenures as chair of the Government Operations Committee, chair of the Ethics Committee, and chair of the Davidson County legislative delegation; and

WHEREAS, a longtime leader in the Senate, Senator Haynes adroitly represented the Democratic Caucus as the Majority Caucus Chairman during the 100<sup>th</sup> through 105<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Democratic Caucus during the 97<sup>th</sup> through 99<sup>th</sup>

General Assemblies, and as Democratic Caucus Majority Whip during the 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, in addition to being his party's nominee for Speaker of the Senate during the 107<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during his legislative career, Senator Haynes sponsored and supported a number of prominent pieces of legislation, including the work of the Tennessee Sentencing Commission which rewrote the criminal statutes, the Maternity Leave Bill, and the Victim's Rights Bill, and major legislation in the areas of domestic violence, ethics reform, education, community corrections, and prison funding; and

WHEREAS, Senator Haynes first entered public service as a Commissioner for the City of Goodlettsville; he served from 1976 until 1988, completing his tenure as Vice-Mayor from 1986 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, Joe Haynes was a member of many community, civic, and charitable organizations, including the Order of the Mystic Shrine, Al Menah Temple; Free and Accepted Masons; Tennessee Elks Association; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Madison Elks Lodge (past Exalted Ruler); East Nashville Optimist Club; Civitan Club; Goodlettsville-Madison Shrine Club (past president); Kiwanis Club; and the Middle Tennessee Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Leadership Nashville, Senator Haynes was also a member of the Southern Growth Policies Board, the McKendree Village Retirement Community Board of Directors, the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce (past president and director), the Madison Chamber of Commerce, the Old Hickory Chamber of Commerce, the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, and the Nashville Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Joe D. and Lucy Haynes of Castalian Springs, Joe Mann Haynes graduated from Gallatin High School in 1955. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1959 from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he first met his future bride, Barbara Jean Norman; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Nashville School of Law, Senator Haynes was admitted to the bar in 1965, and he established his own law firm, Haynes, Freeman & Bracey, for which he worked until the day he died, having represented countless clients and passionately tried hundreds of lawsuits during his career; and

WHEREAS, a Nashville Bar Fellow, Joe Haynes was a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association, the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association, and the Tennessee Bar Association and a past president and director of the Nashville Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, for his unparalleled devotion to public service and his constituents, Joe Haynes received numerous awards and honors, including the Citizen of the Year Award from the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce, the Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award from the Consulting Engineers of Tennessee, the President's Award from the Democratic Women's Club of Davidson County, the 1996 Legislator of the Year Award from the Tennessee Development District Association, the 1996 Legislative Leadership Award from Tennessee Citizen Action, the 1995 Public Service Award from the University of Tennessee College of Law, and the State Legislator of the Year Award from the National Association of Rehabilitation Professionals in the Private Sector; and

WHEREAS, a recipient of the Long Rifle Award and the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America, Joe Haynes also received appreciation awards from a vast array of organizations, including the Association of Retarded Citizens of Tennessee; the Greater Nashville Regional Council; Nashville Firefighters Association, Local 763; Tennessee Housing Industry Conference; Tennessee State Employees Association; Zoological Society of Middle Tennessee; Employee Assistance Professionals; Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association; Metro Police Department; and the Tennessee Emergency Number Association; and

WHEREAS, in a most fitting tribute, he was honored in 1992 by Holy Rosary School in Donelson with the establishment of the "Senator Joe M. Haynes Award for Excellence," which is bestowed annually on exemplary male and female graduates; and

WHEREAS, Senator Haynes is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-eight years, Barbara Jean Norman Haynes; two sons, Jeffery Norman (Lucy) Haynes and Scott Kendall (Julie) Haynes; one daughter, Amanda "Mandy" Haynes (Stephen) Young; and seven grandchildren, Campbell Haynes, Furman Haynes, Benjamin Haynes, Carrie Haynes, Haynes Young, Adam Young, and Mary Neely Young; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his daughter, Amy Elizabeth Haynes, and his sister-in-law, Patricia Norman, Joe Haynes will be fondly remembered by his sister, Kathleen Haynes; his brothers-in-law, J.D. Norman, Jr., and Robert Kendall Norman; and his friend and assistant of thirty-nine years, Judy Callis; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that his colleagues in the General Assembly should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Senator Joe Mann Haynes, reflecting fondly upon his enduring legacy as a public servant, legislator, and family man and paying homage to his productive tenure in the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Senator Haynes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.